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RESPONSE TO THE JULY 11, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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APPLICANTS: Brand et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 5055  
SERIAL NO.: 09/763,387 GROUP ART UNIT: 3762  
FILED: April 18, 2001 EXAMINER: F. Oropeza  
TITLE: "PACEMAKER HOUSING WITH LEAD CONNECTION ASSEMBLY"

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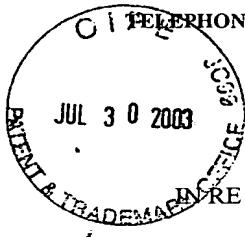
SIR:

Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the references relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

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In the July 11, 2003 Office Action, claims 7 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schiff. The Examiner stated the Schiff reference discloses a metal sleeve 48, which the Examiner is interpreting as corresponding to the metallic tubular member of claim 7, and this sleeve is disposed in a housing 30 containing a plurality of interior components to make electrical contact with the plug 18. In response to Applicants' previous arguments that the Schiff reference does not disclose the claimed element of a metallic housing having a first wall with a first opening therein and a second wall with a second opening therein to which the metallic tubular member is attached, the Examiner stated that



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
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INDEP. CLAIMS	*1	MINUS	3	X	( ) X 40.00 ( ) X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.			( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$140.00 ( ) \$280.00 ONE TIME		
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A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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